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TODAY'S WEATHER: Moderate Easterly winds; cloudy; scattered drizzle at first.
Noon Observations: Barometre pressure, 1018.0 mbs., 30.00 in. Temperature, 66.7 deg. F. Dew point, 59 deg. F. Relative humidity, 76. Wind direction, East. Wind force, 18 knots.
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Odom On Last Lap Of Long Flight

San Francisco, Mar. 7.—Riding a stiff tailwind, Captain William Odom flushed his pint-sized Beechcraft monoplane across the coast at 6.50 p.m. GMT today and headed for New York, with the worst part of his projected non-stop flight from Hawaii to the East Coast behind him.

The lanky 29-year-old distance flier passed San Francisco's famous Golden Gate just 16 hours 46 minutes after taking off from Honolulu. Flying at 9,000 feet under an overcast, he swooped down to 5,000 feet as he passed the Golden Gate Bridge and radioed that he had 160 gallons of gasoline left in his main tank, more than half his original supply.

Aided by favourable winds, he was 40 minutes ahead of his schedule. Changing his flight plan to find the safest, yet through gathering storm conditions over the Sierra Nevada, the flier sent a message saying he would veer northeast.

RECORD IN SIGHT
Favourable weather conditions made it unlikely that Odom would again be forced to turn back as he did on his first attempt two months ago. Thus he was assured of at least breaking his own light plane international record of 2,408,992 miles, established on his January flight which ended in Oakland, California.

In a flying interview with the radio station KGO, as he whipped past the Golden Gate bridge, Odom said he was "very tired" from the gruelling over-water flight and, "It certainly is good to see land again."

He said he became sleepy several times while spanning the Pacific, but "I knew I had a few problems ahead and that snipped me out of it." He added that the weather had been "excellent" all the way.—United Press.

FIRE ON LINER

Paris, Mar. 7.—Fire broke out today in the engine-room of the French liner, Ile de France (43,450 tons) now being refitted at St Nazaire harbour for the trans-Atlantic service. Three fire brigades put out the blaze.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Canton & The China Situation

THE pressure which has been brought to bear on Dr Sun Fo to resign the Premiership of the Nationalist Government is a clear sign that there is a growing determination among Legislative Yuan members, and probably the Nanking Cabinet, to have any influence likely to impede satisfactory negotiations with the Communists removed from the active list. It is apparent that there has been a tussle for balance of political power within the Nationalist regime between Li Tsung-jen and Sun Fo, and all the indications are that acting President Li has come out top. Sun Fo's attempt to lure the Cabinet to Canton can be seen as a tactical move in this struggle, but which, if some observers are correct, may have deeper significance than control of the Nationalist faction that is expected to try and make a peace deal with the Reds. It is possible that Sun Fo hoped to set up a separatist Government in the South, relying mainly for success in this venture on the historically-accepted independent spirit of the Cantonese and their aversion to control from the North. But here again, Sun Fo misjudged his Cantonese. Their political independence of spirit does not depend on the physical presence within their capital of a renegade administration—self-imposed and unwelcome. The last thing Canton wished to have in its presence was the Nanking regime, or even segments of it, and because of this the arrival of Sun Fo and his temporary adherents aroused no popular reaction. This, probably as much as anything else, defeated the separatist movement, and has placed Sun Fo in the ignominious position of being surrounded by hostile colleagues. The facts appear to be that Kwangtung, and more especial-

ly Canton, are not very concerned about the threat of Communist domination. All immediate reports show that the province is quiet and that Canton is unemotional. There has been a rise in retail prices but these have been caused not so much by the political situation in China as the sudden influx of moneyed refugees and the Sun Fo clique, whose demand for accommodation and commodities immediately created a spiral. But rice rationing and rice prices continue undisturbed, and according to reports the demennour of the citizenry is cheerful and unperturbed. To Hongkong these are important signs, for any panic over the border must inevitably mean a flood of refugees into the Colony, with attendant problems. Nor is there any reason to believe that Kwangtung is indulging in false optimism or regarding the general situation through rose-tinted glasses. Whatever faults the Cantonese may suffer, one of them is certainly not aping the ostrich. Their political perception is clear and they are extremely sensitive to influences which may affect their general welfare. Their quiet reactions to the present situation, therefore, encourages the belief that they fear no serious immediate threat from the Communists even under the terms of an enforced peace treaty; further, should there be local disturbances created by Red sympathisers, they can be effectively dealt with. In any event, the Cantonese are adept at compromise, and they can be expected to strike a good bargain with the Communists and still retain their identity as the most politically-matured province in China. In this expectation, very largely reposes the future commercial and political confidence of Hongkong.

15-MONTH EXTENSION OF MARSHALL AID

Committee Approves An Allocation Of \$5½ Billion

Washington, Mar. 7.—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today unanimously approved a 15-month extension of the Marshall European Recovery Plan at an authorised cost of US\$5,580,000,000.

Without a dissenting vote, the 13-man committee acceded to the ECA Administrator's insistence that "now is the time to hit hard" for recovery in Europe.

It was the first outright American answer to the recent Soviet diplomatic high command shakeup, regarded in some Congressional quarters as a signal for a stepped-up Russian propaganda drive against the vast European recovery programme.

Although the Committee authorised the amount asked by President Truman, several members reserved the right to vote a lesser amount when Congress appropriated the actual cash. These members included the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Mr Walter George, who had originally suggested a five per cent cut.

Senator Arthur Vandenberg said a cut seemed impossible at this time because American price levels were going up and down, but the Committee chairman, Senator Tom Connally, said he was certain that if generally low prices prevailed later, the ECA Administrator, Mr Paul Hoffman, would agree to a lower spending rate.

The present ECA authorisation bill expires on April 3 and foreign policy leaders are anxious to meet the deadline in extending the programme because of the dismal international outlook.

Senator Connally said, "Whenever we get the gate open, we're going right in."

On the money side, the bill authorises spending for the period beginning April 3 not exceeding \$5,580,000,000. This includes \$4,200,000,000 for fiscal year 1950, \$1,150,000,000 for the three months from April 3, 1949, to June 30, 1949, and \$150,000,000 in the forward contracting authority for goods delivered to Europe in the fiscal year 1951. The new measure follows the old closely.

THE CHANGES

Here are the changes: 1. Expression by the Committee of the desire that unification in Europe be speeded by the recovery programme. Adopted over the objections of Mr Connally and Mr George, who maintained that it would be "just giving the Russians a hollowing point (on) American imperialism." It was the first Committee expression for faster steps toward new European unification.

2. Authority for Mr Hoffman to write 20-year contracts on the advice of the Federal Bureau of Supply for production and purchase of strategic materials from Europe which are needed for the United States' reserve stockpiles. ECA spending would be used to help acquire materials but in any direct purchases other Federal funds would be used.

WANTS CLARIFICATION

3. Mr Hoffman was instructed where applicable, at least one-half of recovery cargoes in vessels under the U.S. flag whenever those vessels were available, at market rates for cargoes carried in American ships. Mr Hoffman has asked clarification on that.

SOEKARNO'S "NO" TO INVITATION

Batavia, Mar. 7.—In his official answer to the Dutch invitation to the Hague Round Table Conference, Dr Ahmed Soekarno, Indonesian Republic President, told the Netherlands Crown Representative, Mr Louis J. M. Bee, that he could make no official decision unless he was restored to liberty in Jogjakarta.

He said he agreed in principle with the purpose of such a conference but, "in view of the present position of myself and the other members of the Republic who are cut off from the State, and people and separated from the basis of our authority as a government, I can make no official decision either to attend the conference or to send a delegation which, on behalf of the government or people of the Republic, could accept decisions." If we were to accept the Netherlands government's invitation, we could attend the conference only as private individuals.

"The decisions to be made will involve a heavy responsibility. Such responsibility can only be assumed by the government of the Republic of Indonesia fully exercising its authority in its territory and sent in Jogjakarta. Such authority we lack at this moment."—Associated Press.

ward contracting authority for goods delivered to Europe in the fiscal year 1951. The new measure follows the old closely.

4. Mr Hoffman was authorised to lend not more than 10 United States vessels to Italy for the transportation of Italian immigrants to South and Central America and Australia for resettlement, as one means of assisting Italy's overpopulated condition. Italy would pay the cost of using the vessels, which would be provided by the Maritime Commission.

5. Mr Hoffman was authorised to pay ocean cargo costs of CARE packages for the relief of underfed persons in Europe, with payments made at fixed uniform rates.—United Press.

JURY HEAR SPY STORY

Behind Closed Doors

New York, Mar. 7.—A Federal Bureau of Investigation agent today began presentation to the Grand Jury of the case against Judith Coplon, employee of the Justice Department, and Valentine Gubitchev, Russian engineer employed by the United Nations, on charges of conspiring to steal Government secrets.

While the 27-year-old Judith Coplon, honour graduate of Barnard College, and 32-year-old Valentine Gubitchev were held without bail in the Federal detention houses, the FBI began giving behind closed doors the real story of the intrigue that led to their capture on a Third Avenue bus last Friday night.

The Grand Jury, successor to the one which indicted the top 12 U.S. Communists and also Alger Hiss, recessed until Wednesday, when it will hear more details.

"VERY CHEERFUL"

The vivacious Miss Coplon and the Russian engineer may appear, although they can legally refuse to do so.

Held at the Women's House of Detention, Coplon was reported to be "very cheerful". Her counsel, Bertram Adams, who was attempting to raise her US\$20,000 bail, said she spent the day listening to the radio and playing shuffleboard.

Gubitchev, who has been suspended by the United Nations, pending the outcome of his case, was held in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

In Washington, a State Department spokesman said the Department was not ready to reply to a demand by the Russian Ambassador, Alexander Potyushkin, that Gubitchev be released on the grounds that his UN status gave him diplomatic immunity.—United Press.

Bombay Police Given Orders To "Shoot At Sight"

Bombay, Mar. 7.—The Bombay police tonight received orders to "shoot at sight" anyone found tampering with public property—24 hours before a threatened Communist-sponsored railway strike was due to begin.

The police today took 16 persons into custody in a raid on a branch office of the Communist-led Girm Kambar (Mill Workers) Union, following a general one-day strike called by the Bombay Provincial Trade Union Congress "in sympathy with railway labour."

In Surat, 100 miles north of Bombay, on the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway, 18 persons were detained today.

The orders to shoot were given the Bombay police not only in cases of persons actually tampering with public property but also where persons might be found moving about in a suspicious manner near vital installations.—Reuter.

Important Talks On SE-Asia Defence May Start Soon

London, Mar. 7.—The Commonwealth Prime Ministers or Foreign Ministers are expected to meet soon for round-table talks, which will include the subjects of mutual defence and Communist activity in South East Asia.

The Commonwealth Foreign Ministers' meeting, which was proposed for Ceylon in May, has been postponed, but urgent consultations are proceeding with a view to a conference, probably about the same period, at an alternative place.

Ceylon has been ruled out meantime because the meeting place did not suit the convenience of some of the Dominion representatives. London and Ottawa are the likely alternatives, but neither has been fixed. An announcement is expected at a fairly early date.

Reports suggesting that the conference might be held in New Delhi find no support here. Neither the British nor the Indian Governments has suggested it.

ISRAEL-TRANSJORDAN

Armistice Talks Make Progress

Rhodes, Mar. 7.—The Israeli and Transjordan armistice delegations tonight agreed on a negotiating basis for the delineation of armistice lines.

The agreement which marked the resumption of a relatively broken down conference, came after a talk between the heads of the delegations and Dr Ralph Bunche, the United Nations acting mediator for Palestine. It was still not known here tonight whether the delineation lines will include the Iraqi-held areas of Central Palestine or whether the Transjordanians have written authority for Iraq to discuss this question.

BAGHDAD REPORT

Neither the United Nations officials nor the Transjordanians would comment on a Baghdad report that the Iraqi Premier, Nuri Es Said, had denied in Parliament that Transjordan was authorised to negotiate for Iraq at the Rhodes talks.

The talks here were resumed today after a lapse of two days, during which the missions went home for consultations.

The talks have been stalled while the delegations awaited the return of a Transjordan envoy, who flew to Amman to try to get written confirmation of the claim for Transjordan to act for Iraq. The Israeli delegation had refused to discuss Central Palestine's Iraqi-held "Arab Triangle" until the Transjordan representatives produced such a document.—Reuter.

Death Of Noted U.S. Politician

Washington, Mar. 7.—Representative Sol Bloom, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, died in Bethesda Naval Hospital today following a brief illness. He was 78 years of age.

Dr Bloom, who helped to guide some of the administration's most important foreign policy legislation through Congress in recent years, entered the hospital only last Friday for a check-up and rest. He was suffering from a cold.

The hospital authorities said death was caused by a "sudden acute heart attack." He died at 6.50 p.m. EST.—United Press.

Seeking Loan Of Silver For China

Shanghai, Mar. 8.—Mr Hsi Teh-mou, General Manager of the Government-controlled Bank of China, was slated to sail to the United States today in an expected attempt to negotiate a silver loan to bolster China's shattered economy.

Earlier Chinese reports said that Mr Hsi will request a loan of 400,000,000 ounces of silver from the United States authorities.

Mr Hsi arrived here yesterday from Hongkong where he reportedly conferred with the former Governor of Kwangtung and China's leading financial wizard, Dr T. V. Soong. Other Chinese financial leaders were present at the meeting but no details were released.

Meanwhile, the Central Bank of China, in a move to check spiralling prices, is expected to reopen the free market on gold and silver.

NANKING TALKS

This move was believed to be the results of talks held last week in Nanking between the Central Bank Governor, Mr S. Y. Liu, and Acting President Li Tsung-jen. The Finance Minister, Mr Hsu Kan, also attended these meetings.

Observers there interpreted this new move, which is expected to be formally announced today or tomorrow, as an indication that the Central Bank will dump gold bars on the market to regulate commodity prices which usually follow the lead of prices.

Other unconfirmed reports said that the Central Bank is also prepared to dump on the market 100,000 ounces of gold, US\$2,000,000 worth of foreign exchange certificates, 5,000,000 silver dollars and large quantities of cotton yarn and cloth. Meanwhile, the retail price of rice yesterday reached an all-time high of 62,000 as other essential foodstuffs, including flour, cereals and edible oils, also jumped considerably.—United Press.

U.S. Warships For China

Norfolk, Virginia, Mar. 7.—Two former United States Destroyers will sail from the Naval Base today for China under the Chinese Nationalist government flag. The vessels, the last two of a group of four to sail from here for China, will have Chinese crews aboard. The Chinese have been training aboard the ships for several months.—Associated Press.

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



SCHOOLBOY EXHIBITION—Field Marshal Sir William Slim, centre, Britain's Chief of the Imperial General Staff, was recently among interested visitors to an exhibition by London schoolboys. Above, a sergeant explains the operation of a ship tank model.



PRISON SCHOOL—Gaoi terms are not all wasted time, as these boys find out in prison in Trieste. Professional instructors supervise prison classes. Major complaint is that there is only enough work in the prison's shops to employ 10 percent of the inmates.



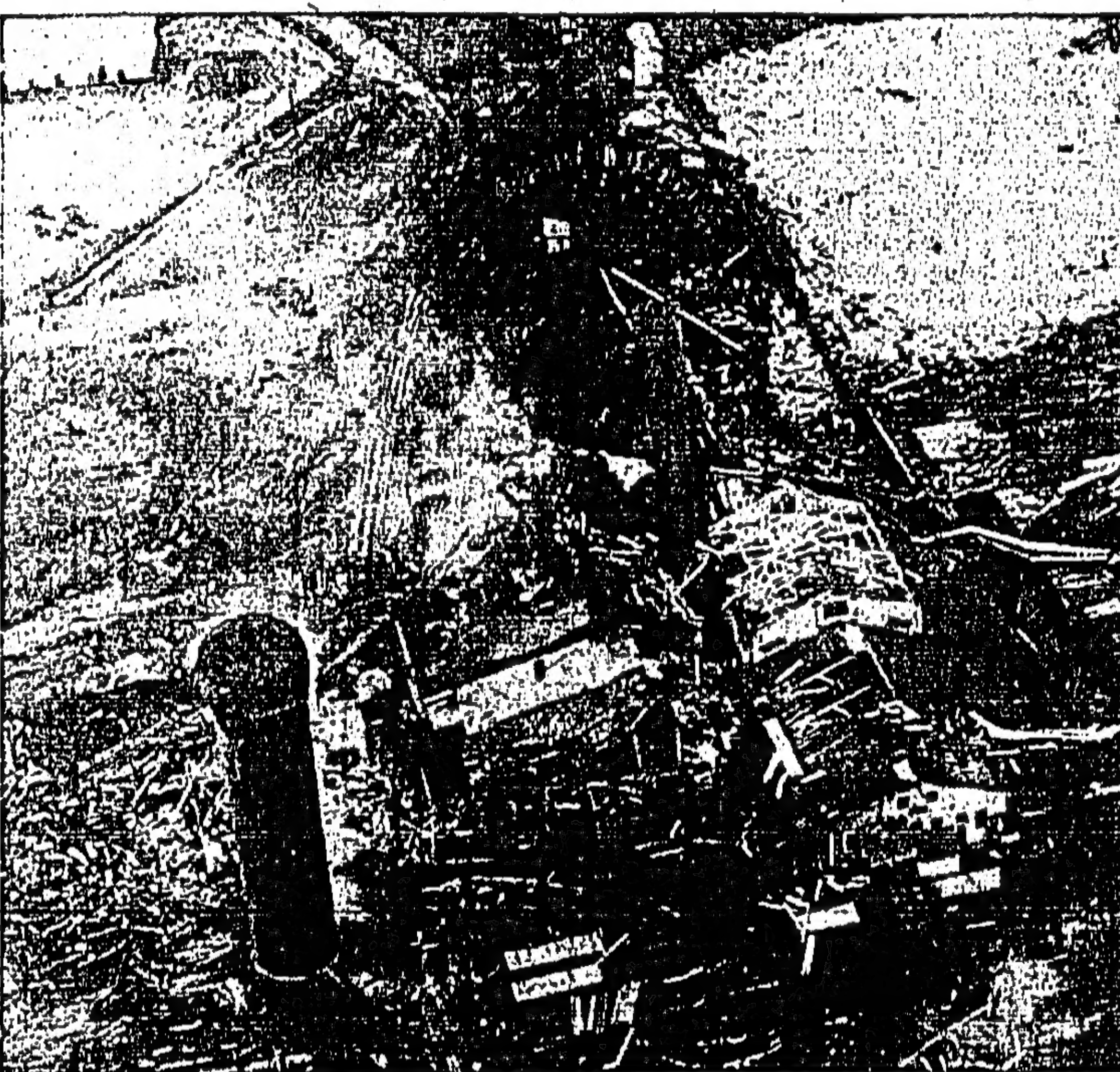
STARK REALITY—Members of Philadelphia Junior Chamber of Commerce erect a cross at a crossroad which was the scene of the city's first fatal accident of 1949. Unfortunately, the city's roads will be spotted with an added number of grim warnings before the year is out.



SISTER COMBINATION—These Paris gowns are specifically designed for young looking matrons and their attractive daughters. Daughter, left, is clad in bronze faille with distinguishing hip drape, while mother wears a gown of blue moire with spreading fishtail fullness that graduates into a train.



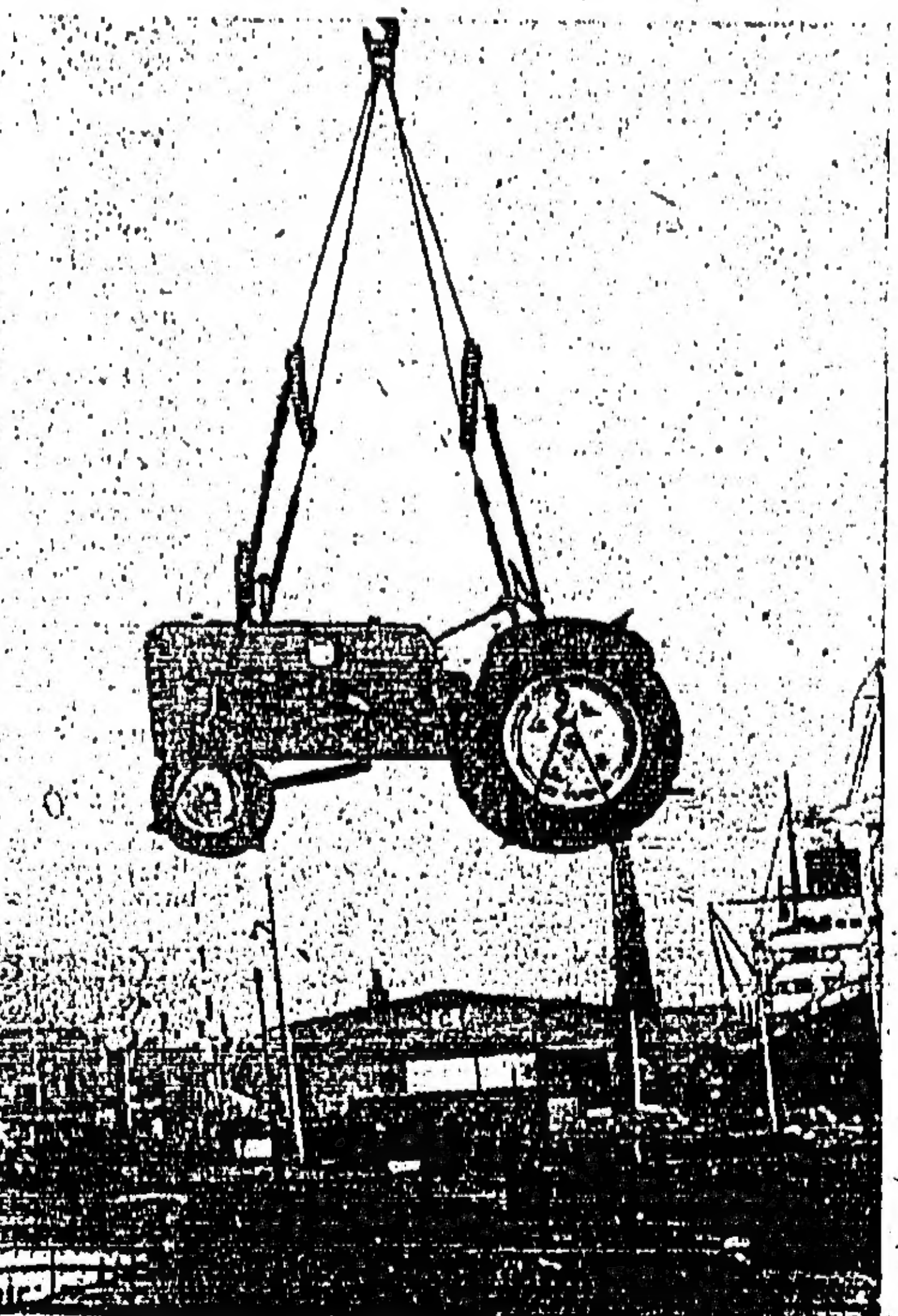
RIGHT PROPORTIONS—Artist Zoe Mozart, creator of "curvaceous" calendar girls, named Hollywood actress Janis Paige "1949 Calendar Girl." To her way of thinking, Janis most closely approximates the perfection of the calendar girl—in all-round beauty and actual measurements.



SPLINTERED MATCH STICKS—This aerial view shows the wreckage at Warren, Arkansas, after a tornado had claimed over 50 lives. This timber mill, the town's main business, was completely wrecked, with large planks tossed about like matchwood.



THEY'RE BACK—The style-conscious and always well-dressed Duke of Windsor sports a pair of plus-fours and knitted check stockings at Monte Carlo. Accompanied by his American-born wife, the Duchess of Windsor, he is spending the winter in the popular southern France resort.



FOR FRENCH FARMS—One of the first group of 209 American-made tractors allotted to France under the Marshall Plan being lowered on to the quay at Le Havre. French agricultural officials and ECA leaders were on hand to meet the tractor-laden transport, Cape Race.



EMERGENCY AID—Members of the Pontifical Relief Commission distribute hot food to the inhabitants of Rivodutri, Italy, where earth tremors caused people to flee their homes in terror.

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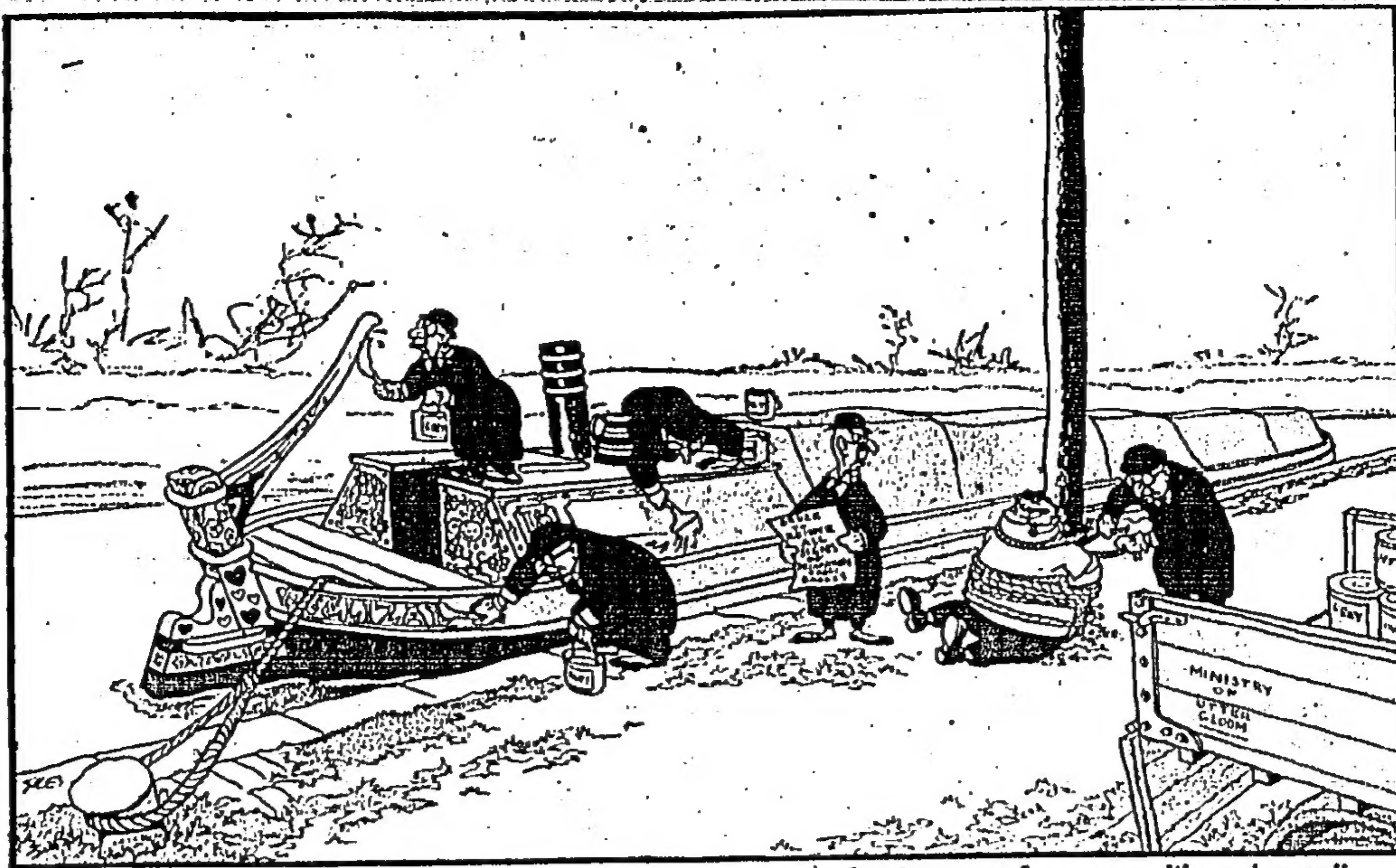
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I VISIT MONTY'S
NEW 'SHOW'

FONTAINEBLEAU. HALFWAY up the Rue General Charles de Gaulle, on the edge of the little French garrison town of Fontainebleau, a black signboard is nailed to a poplar tree.

"UNILION," it says in large white letters. An arrow underneath it waves Unilion-hunters imperiously on.

I followed the arrow. And, sure enough after about four minutes of driving, there it was—the Unilion's lair itself: an arched gateway of red brick, behind it a porter's lodge, a gravel drive, and a large suburban mansion got up romantically with gabled towers and a fancy fretwork of ye-old-curiosity-shoppe beams.

"Chateau de Fougères," explained one notice. And others added: "Unilion," "Headquarters of Paris. Echelon," "Military Police," "Way in."

No guard challenged me at the gate. It was not until I had entered the chateau itself that a red-cap sergeant, sitting at a desk in the front hall, asked me to account for myself.

All of which I found pleasingly peaceful, and a contrast to the barbed-wire barriers, police dogs, and check-points I had to pass in order to penetrate into hush-hush headquarters like this during the war.

For this Unilion, dear madam, is none other than Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery, chairman of the Western Europe Commanders-in-Chief Committee. And the Chateau de Fougères, for all its architectural fantasy, is the place where the very real plans are being made for the defence of Western Europe.

Lion And Cubs

UNILION himself is away just now. He is enjoying a skiing holiday in Switzerland (which does not stop him from getting on the telephone every night to find out how things are going).

But I found his cubs hard at work. And what a nestful they are—British, Dutch, French, Belgian, and Luxembourg officers, soldiers, sailors, and airmen, all working together as an integrated team.

This Fontainebleau party has been functioning only since November of last year—here at the Chateau de Fougères and in the old cavalry barracks of the Fontainebleau Palace where the main staffs of the commanders-in-chief have their headquarters.

My impression is that, as far as the integration and smooth co-operation among themselves of this planning staff goes, these five Powers under the chairmanship of Montgomery have already got as far as the British and Americans under the command of Eisenhower.

SEPTON
DELMER'S
NEWSMAP

In the operations section, Fontainebleau has divided up its organisation on American lines.

In came a British soldier-clerk with some tabulated plans for "stage one" that he had been typing out. The British officer asked the Dutchman to check the paper over. The Dutch officer got down to it at once. Every now and again he looked up and consulted his British and Belgian colleagues on some doubtful point—not as representatives of Britain and Belgium, but as brother experts working on the same problem.

It could not have been different had this been an all-British group of officers working in London's War Office—except that there would have been more tea.

But do not imagine that because these planners here in Fontainebleau are working together so smoothly all the technical, financial, and political problems involved in the defence of Western Europe are solved.

In fact today—as before—the only defence of Western Europe is the handful of British, American, French, Dutch, and Belgian troops occupying Germany.

The task is being tackled partly in Fontainebleau, but mainly in London.

Here Montgomery has a second headquarters at Dover House in Whitehall. Here, too, sit his masters; the committee of Western Union Chiefs of Staff, to whom Montgomery and his commanders-in-chief committee make their recommendations.

tions. (The chiefs of staff in turn are responsible to the Western Union Defence Ministers.) Military committees and delegations of economic, financial, and supply experts from the various countries are in almost permanent session, devising for the chiefs of staff, resolving, recommending, informing, agreeing, and agreeing to differ.

Montgomery himself shuttles back and forth between London and Paris.

Since Fontainebleau was set up in November he has not spent more than 10 days there. And never more than three in a row. The French Government wants him to have a chateau 20 miles from Fontainebleau as his personal residence.

"Old Boy" Basis

MONTGOMERY has very politely turned the offer down. He does not want to be encumbered with the apparatus of cooks, batmen and clerks a commander-in-chief's residence implies. Instead he has reserved at his own expense a suite at Fontainebleau's Park Hotel.

When he is not in London or Paris Montgomery is in Brussels, The Hague, or Luxembourg, spreading his doctrine, trying to iron out international problems on the "old boy" basis.

In The Hague, for instance, he has been preaching that if Holland is to play her full part in the Western Europe scheme, she must have a Territorial training scheme like Britain's.

And in order to have a Territorial training scheme in Holland she must bring back some of her trained officers and N.C.O.s from Indonesia, so that they may form the nucleus of efficiency in Holland's Western European army.

The Dutch, however, argue that they have a more immediate war with Communism on their hands in Java, and that this takes priority over long-term preparations for the defence of Europe.

So, although they have courteously expressed full agreement with the field-marshal's views, they have not yet done anything about bringing back the specialists. Indonesia has also shown up the difficulties standing in the way of integration of armaments and supplies.

Most Important

THE Dutch after the war agreed to equip their forces with British weapons and transport, and model their army on British lines. In order that the Dutch and British forces could be easily integrated in the event of necessity.

But in July 1947, when the Dutch started their police action against the terrorists in Java, the British Government broke its agreement with the Dutch. We

put an embargo on the supply of arms to Holland.

Now each of the countries concerned wants to make sure that if it agrees to take arms supplies from a central source, it will not be exposed to a similar blackmail.

Most important problem of all, however, remains the attitude of America.

The French planners and the French Government insist not only (1) that America shall be firmly committed to the military defence of Western Europe with American troops; but (2) that sufficient troops shall be sent to assure that not the Rhine but the Elbe will be the main line of defence.

There is no question that the collaboration between Washington, London, Fontainebleau, and Frankfurt is of the closest. But I am extremely doubtful of whether the Americans will ever consent to increase the number of their peacetime contingent in Germany. Without that increase the line of the Elbe will need a lot of fortification if the French are to be satisfied.

London Express Service

I'M NO ANGEL,
SAYS HE

By Frederick Cook

NEW YORK.

HOW does one get to be a Broadway "angel," the man who puts a modest sum into a show and for his money has the stars calling him "darling" and never gets the brush-off from stage door-keeper when he calls on a chorus girl? I'd often wondered. It seemed a pleasant sort of life.

I put the question to the archangel of them all, Mr. Howard S. (for Sixx) Cullman, tobacco millionaire, member of the Stock Exchange, boss of La Guardia and Idlewild airports, the sprawling port of New York and every one of its vast maze of bridges, tunnels, ferries, with more than 40,000,000 cars a year running through or over them.

"Please," said Mr. Cullman, "call me a theatrical investor if you like, but not an angel. I do not look like an angel. I certainly do not behave like an angel. Anyway the term has connotations I do not like."

"Besides Mrs. Cullman is in it with me—we are a partnership. I back her judgment of the artistic end, and simply invest in good management just as if I were investing in United States Steel."

At the moment the Cullmans are backing 15 shows. Some are big money-makers, some they'd just as soon forget.

Among the hits of which they "have a piece" are "Mr. Roberts," "A Street Car Named Desire," "Light Up The Sky," "Allegro," "Private Lives," "With A Sigh," "Red Gloves," "Kiss Me Kate," "Death of a Salesman."

On the way are fat investments in "Miss Liberty," the forthcoming Irving Berlin-Robert Alton musical, and the Lunts in "Speak To Me Of Love."

The Cullmans have 50 percent of the coming West End produc-

tion by Henry Sherek of "Dell-lah."

To back their judgment of "Dell-lah" 8,000 of the Cullmans dollars (\$2,000) have already been posted to London and the Cullmans themselves will follow to attend the West End premiere.

Mr. and Mrs. Cullman have been backing shows now for 11 years. Only one year—1948—did they lose more money than they put in.



"What was your most profitable bet?" I asked Mr. Cullman.

"Life With Father," he said at once. "We put \$1,250 into that and so far have got back £50,000."

"On Arsenic and Old Lace" we won at 30-1—£7 10s. back for every 5s. invested. On "Voice of the Turtle" we collected at 30-1—£1,250 into that and so far have got back £50,000."

"You lost money, too," said Mr. Cullman.

"My biggest flop? The very first we ever went into—something we called "Dance Night" in 1938."

"We put £2,250 into that and it ran four performances. That was three too many."

Altogether the Cullmans have backed 115 shows.

"Mrs. Cullman reads all the scripts, tells me what she thinks, and the rest is up to me," said Cullman.

"Oh, yes, there have been times when we haven't agreed. I didn't like 'The Skin of Our Teeth,' for instance. I stayed out. She was sure and went on in herself. Did well, too, darn it."

If you have ambitions to be an "angel" here are some tips from Mr. Cullman.

"Don't go to rehearsals, don't insist on changes in the script—drives authors nuts and they know best, anyway."

Don't try to dictate the cast, don't bother the people with the work to do."

Put up and shut up is the golden rule for angels.

IS THIS BOY A GENIUS OR—

By RALPH HILL

WHEREVER I go someone asks me questions about Piere Gamba, the Italian boy-conductor. "Is he really as great as Toscanini?" ... How does he make an orchestra of grown-up men obey him?" ... Is he a wizard or the victim of a publicity stunt?"

Here are the facts about Master 11-year-old Gamba. He began learning music two-and-a-half years ago. In the following year he conducted the Rome Symphony Orchestra, and the audience yelled: "Viva, Maestro!"

He went to Paris and conducted his audiences. Then followed concerts in Belgium, Portugal, Spain, Sweden—and finally London.

Audiences went into ecstasies after witnessing this little boy in black velvet, with lace frills and white socks, on the rostrum.

But witnessing is the operative word! Did these audiences hear something different, something finer and more inspiring, than the Beethoven or Schubert they had heard before under a y, Toscanini, Barbirolli, Beecham, Furtwangler, or Walter?

Of course not. In music too often the eye exaggerates to the ear. I state that it is impossible for a boy-conductor to come within measurable distance, in the really vital matters of interpretation, of the mature genius of a great conductor.

Supposing Master Gamba in-cognito was to conduct an orchestra behind a screen, would the audience go into ecstasies? I am sure they wouldn't. There would be grateful applause for a good, straightforward performance—which, incidentally, is rare enough today.

But the exquisite, hypersensitive phrasing of a Beecham or Barbirolli, or the relentless, elemental rhythmic force of a Toscanini, would be absent.

Surely then, you may well ask, Master Gamba must be a fraud? Certainly not.

No fraud could make an orchestra of hard-boiled musicians give even a good, straightforward performance of classical works that they know inside out.

They would be too bored and too resentful. No fraud could rehearse an orchestra with the understanding Master Gamba undoubtedly displays.

In short, there is no question about the fact that Master Gamba's musical achievement is remarkable, outstanding. But do let us see it in its true perspective.

Someone will now say that Master Gamba conducts without a score—let that proof of genius rather than talent? Not at all. It proves that he possesses an excellent memory.

Toscanini conducts without a score because his eyesight is bad; Beecham conducts with or without, according to his mood; Barbirolli has a score, even if he doesn't always need it.

Then what is the real truth about Master Gamba? I will tell you.

I said that he possesses an excellent memory.

It is more than excellent: it is phenomenal.

To date he has about 40 works committed to memory in every detail.

Every morning he sits at the piano and reads from full score new works, or rather works new to him.

But behind him stands Romeo Ardivini, who used to conduct at the Rome Opera House, analysing, prompting, and teaching his young pupil. Mr. Ardivini is the film; Master Gamba the projector.

Master Gamba's brain absorbs everything easily and accurately.

And now he is just beginning musically to think and feel independently. Complete independence will not come until he reaches manhood, when his qualities mature.

The seeds are obviously there, but the flowering is in the hands of the gods—and Mr. Ardivini.

In addition to Master Gamba's innate musical gifts, he seems a born leader of men, probably the most important qualification a conductor can possess.

Recently at a rehearsal he stopped the orchestra and said: "Please, I want a crescendo in that passage for the trumpet. Said one of the trumpet players: 'There isn't one marked in my part.'"

"But I want one," replied Master Gamba. "Why not give him one? If that's what he wants, Bill!" Interposed one of the hard-bitten trombone players.

And that was the general spirit of the orchestral

NANCY

Window Pain



By Ernie Bushmiller

'WHITE KING' TOILET SOAP
for BEAUTY!

Humphreys Estate Capital Increased

FOR DEVELOPMENT OF COMPANY'S PROPERTY

"Undoubtedly there are grasping landlords who will and do take advantage of the housing situation to squeeze the last drop out of tenants, and for that reason we are in favour of rent control, but let it be reasonable and give owners of old property a fair deal."

"Legislation regarding a landlord's right to enter premises where tenants have contravened conditions of tenancy should be speeded up," said Mr D. E. Clark, Chairman, presiding at the ordinary yearly meeting of Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Limited, held at the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel this morning.

At an extraordinary general meeting held later, the authorised capital of the Company of \$3,000,000 was increased to \$10,000,000 by a special resolution.

It was pointed out that at present day value the former capital was obviously insufficient to admit of further development of the Company's property.

Speaking of the yearly meeting, the Chairman said: "It is practically unknown these days for a chairman of a local company to come before shareholders with an unsatisfactory report, but that is the unenviable position I find myself in today."

After the Japanese surrender, when we were able to take stock of our position, we found about one third of our properties unsatisfactory and an overdraft of \$1,000,000 with our bankers and interest payable during the war years.

FAIR PROFIT

It was decided to sell certain properties to relieve the financial position of the company and provide funds to rehabilitate other property.

These sales produced a fair profit on our pre-war book values and enabled us to distribute a portion of profit realised to shareholders.

The effect of these sales on our income was considerable, and in the ordinary course of events we should have been able to make up the deficit by increased rentals of our undamaged properties, chiefly situated on May Road.

In this, however, we were disappointed and had to be content to get along as best we could on pre-war rentals until July 1947 when the Government granted us permission to charge an extra 30%. Unfortunately expenses were not controlled, and a good many of these are now 400 to 500% over pre-war cost.

Undoubtedly there are grasping landlords who will and do take advantage of the housing situation to squeeze the last drop out of tenants and for that reason we are in favour of rent control, but let it be reasonable and give owners of old property a fair deal.

Furthermore, legislation regarding a landlord's right to enter premises where tenants have contravened conditions of tenancy should be speeded up. Certain tenants, taking advantage of the long delay occasioned by Tenancy Tribunal proceedings, have deliberately contravened conditions of tenancy to their own material advantage.

NO GOVT. REPLY

In November 1948, representations were made to Government through the Chamber of Commerce on these subjects but beyond an acknowledgment no reply has yet been received. It is hoped that Government will realise the urgency of these matters to law-abiding landlords and act accordingly.

Profit for the year under review amounts to \$225,043, which includes accumulated interest of \$25,000 on a mortgage repaid during the year.

Salaries and wages, property maintenance and insurance are all higher and there is no doubt that these bear a high percentage against rents collected. Again, we meet up with control, for should we be receiving anything like a fair rental upon our properties this percentage would be very considerably reduced as the items mentioned above will remain approximately the same, irrespective of rents received.

During the year two properties were purchased on Peak Road, adjacent to our other properties in that district. Both lots are held from the Crown for terms of 999 years and command excellent views of the harbour.

On one of these lots there is a block of six flats known as "Lugland", the other lot is being developed, and there is in course of erection a seven-storey block comprising 20 modern flats with garage accommodation.

It is hoped to complete these by the end of July and it will interest shareholders to know that these apartments have all been let for four and five years from the date of completion at rental giving a fair return on capital invested. I should add that certain shareholders expressed their disapproval of the

THREE DIE IN BLAZE

Rangoon, Mar. 7.—Three persons were burned to death and rice stocks worth nearly 300,000 Rupees were destroyed yesterday in a blaze which gutted a rice mill at Dalla near Rangoon. It was officially learned.

Four hours previously another fire destroyed another Burma rice mill. Associated Press.

Opposition To Wuchow Port Reopening

Canton, Mar. 8.—Representatives of Canton's river shipping guild are now attempting to get the Legislative Yuan to review the case against opening Wuchow as a customs port.

Continuing their campaign to stop the reopening of the Kwangtung port, the representatives visited the Canton offices of both the Executive and Legislative Yuan's Vice-Secretary, Yin Kuofu, to petition Nanking to place the case on the agenda of the plenary session now in progress.

Creation of the new customs port was part of the economic reform measures agreed on by the Executive Yuan last February. The guild bases much of its argument against the reopening on the right of the cabinet to make final decisions in matters of this type. They say it should first be thrashed out by the Legislative Yuan. Another argument by guild spokesmen, who fear they will suffer if Wuchow goods are allowed to by-pass Canton, is that the measure would allow foreign shipping on inland waterways, an infringement of sovereignty. United Press.

Malayan Red Camps Razed

Singapore, Mar. 7.—British Army units have burned down six Communist hide-outs in thick jungle in the Perak and Pahang States, it was officially announced today.

A communique said that at one of the camps, British troops found American great coats and empty American ration tins as well as stretchers and ammunition.

The two camps were capable of holding eight men each and were defended by dug-in positions, slit trenches and fox holes.

The British troops surprised one group of eight insurgents today and wounded one.

Two insurgents were hanged at the Johore and Taping gaols today. Associated Press.

YENANGYAUNG OCCUPIED

Singapore, Mar. 7.—Informed British sources in Singapore said today that forces of the People's Volunteer Organisation (PVO), not connected with the Burmese government, have taken over the administration of Yenangyaung, the largest oil town in Burma.

A spokesman said that this information is being suppressed in Burma by a rigid news censorship. He added that the PVO entered the oil town without opposition, claiming that they had come to "protect" it from Communists.

Property owned by British oil companies is so far undamaged. The wives and children of British oil company employees were evacuated last week as Karen Rebel attacks swept over North Burma. Associated Press.

no further building schemes contemplated there will come a time when further capital will be needed for this purpose.

Your directors therefore recommend an increase of the authorised capital to \$10,000,000 and I trust this will meet with your approval.

I now beg to propose: that the authorised capital of the company be increased from its present capital of \$3,000,000 divided into 300,000 shares of \$10 each (of which the whole have been issued) to \$10,000,000 divided into 1,000,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$10 each and that such additional shares as aforesaid shall be issued at such time and on such terms and conditions as the company's board of directors in their absolute discretion shall think fit.

Mr Horace Kadoue seconded and the resolution was adopted unanimously.

PWD TRIAL RESUMED

Evidence Of Seizure Of Documents And Fittings

Sub-Ins. Vincent M. Morrison, attached to the Anti-Corruption Branch of the Hongkong Police, gave evidence of the seizure of electrical equipment and documents at the resumed hearing of the PWD Larceny trial before Mr Justice Williams and a jury at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

On trial facing three charges of theft by public servant and falsification of accounts with intent to defraud the Government are Kwok Kwong, 47, foreman, and Arthur Frederick May, 41, electrical inspector, grade I.

Kwok is not defended while Mr A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr J. C. Stewart, is defending May. For the prosecution is Mr A. Hooton, assisted by Mr J. Johnston, ASP.

Lee Po-shan, PWD clerk, formerly attached to the Hongkong Workshop, was this morning re-examined by Crown Counsel, the defence cross-examination having concluded yesterday afternoon.

Witness gave details of the system for detailing men for various jobs. He said the men reported every morning but the workmen employed on emergency jobs in the New Territories were not required to report daily in town. Witness also explained the office routine on pay days, and said that on those days the men reported in the ordinary way but received their pay before they went out on jobs.

Sub-Ins. Morrison then gave evidence about the Police raid on August 11 last year at the Hongkong Workshop, where they seized a quantity of books and documents and a number of persons were detained.

On August 12, accompanied by Mr Aitken and a PWD workman, Li Cho, he visited Dr Thomas's houses at Pokfulam, where by virtue of a warrant they seized a quantity of electrical cable and fittings. On August 24, they again visited the houses at Pokfulam, where Li Cho pointed out certain electrical fittings which Mr Aitken noted.

On August 25, said witness, he accompanied Mr Aitken and another workman, Kwok Lee, to some electrical cable was pointed out.

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN

Ins. Morrison added that on August 31 he visited the Lai-chi-kok Hospital, where Kwok Lee pointed out electrical installations in No 5 block. On September 30 and October 1 and 2, witness went with Police photographer Leung Cheung to take pictures of the various workshops. By virtue of a warrant, witness went to Messrs Lowbridge, Shackleton and Co, Princes Building, where he seized two fluorescent lamps complete with wiring.

On this raid to the office did Mr May clear the whole of the "In" tray papers to the "Out" tray.

Witness: Yes, I think that was so. Mr MacPherson, ASP was present at the time. Did you see the photograph taken of the distribution board?

—Yes.

And was it taken of the board as it then was?—As it was then left since August 11, the day of the raid.

Do you remember going down to the office to collect documents at a later stage with reference to log sheets for July about a fortnight ago?—Yes.

When you went there did you have a log book?—Yes I did and where number of log sheets dated from August 1.

The defence were asking for these documents?—Yes.

Where did you get log book No. 8214 from?—On the original day, on August 11, also the log sheets.

Did you take any log book away from the office?—Not other than 8214 log book, which I brought back.

JUDGE'S REMARKS

Mr Clifford: Inspector Morrison, now what you look me straight in the face...

His Lordship: Mr Clifford, don't use such language. Those words mean nothing. The witness is on oath.

Mr Clifford: These words were used by Lord Justice Aitken.

His Lordship: I don't care if they were.

Mr Clifford: It is very unusual to check counsel like this. I think your Lordship will find that these words, "look me straight in the face," have been used considerably by counsel.

His Lordship: You can say to the witness that he is on oath.

Mr Clifford (to witness): Are you sure that what you did do was to go down to the office and there with the July log sheet and that log book and then sign for what you had actually brought?

Witness: I am absolutely positive that I did not do so.

Did you sign for the log book No. 8214?—I cannot remember.

Further questioned, Ins. Morrison said he could not remember if he signed the log book. He said there was no receipt given previously for any documents seized in the Hongkong Workshop.

It could be seen that he included the August log sheets as well on the receipt.

Mr Clifford: Where did those log sheets come from?

Witness: Lee Po-shan produced them from his drawer.

Witness added, in answer to another question, that when the Police raided the Hongkong Workshop on August 11 he did not see the August log sheets filed. Lee Po-shan's desk was searched by Mr Johnston.

SEARCH OF OFFICE

Mr Clifford: Was a thorough search made of that office?

Witness: As thorough as time permitted.

How long did you spend in the office?—From 10 in the morning until 11 at night.

You said as time permitted. Didn't that give you time enough to make a thorough search of the office?—There were many other things to be done besides searching the office.

Ins. Morrison told Crown Counsel in re-examination that a photo of the distribution board was taken on October 1.

Asked to explain what he meant by saying there were other things to be done besides searching the office, witness said that over 100 persons had to be interrogated and statements had to be taken from some of them.

Mr D. G. MacPherson, ASP said he accompanied ASP Johnston and Ins. Morrison to the PWD Hongkong electrical depot on August 11.

He saw May at about 3 p.m. that day. Up to that time he was not in the workshop. When he arrived he asked him questions and he wrote down the answers, witness said.

Mr Hooton: Had you by that time decided to bring any charge against May?

Witness: No.

When you had written the questions and answers, did you read over the statements to May?—Yes.

MADE CORRECTIONS

Did he make any corrections?—Yes.

Did May sign the statement?—There were three pages of the statement and he signed each page.

Cross-examined, witness said that before the questions being asked, no previous questions had been put to May. Witness arrived at the Hongkong Workshop at 10 a.m. and remained there the whole time.

Mr Clifford: I am suggesting to you that May was brought in about 1.40 and you started questioning him?

Witness: May walked in unannounced and was at 3 p.m. When he entered the workshop he asked "What are you doing here?" After that I started to ask him questions.

Had anyone spoken to him before that?—Not to my knowledge.

Did you think of cautioning him?—No.

Why not? There was no reason for that.

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Witness: No, I don't remember that. If he had, I would have written it down. I took down everything he said.

There was quite a little questioning before you took that statement?—No.

Will you agree with me he was muddled about the early part of the statement?—Only in connection with abbreviations which I put down regarding the rewriting of a number of police stations. He misunderstood the question. He thought I was talking about piers.

I suggest to you the reason why he was muddled was that there was quite a lot of interrogation of him before he was questioned. That was why he was muddled in his mind about the early part of the statement?—That's quite wrong, Mr Clifford.

Defence counsel then referred witness to a number of corrections on the statement. Witness explained that those initials being made by the accused, but those without May's initials were made by witness himself after May had corrected him during the taking of the statement.

STATEMENT VALUELESS

His Lordship then asked defence counsel if Mr Clifford was suggesting that the statement was made under duress. Mr Clifford said he was not suggesting it, but submitted that in his muddled state of mind May's statement was valueless. He did not object to the statement being read to the jury after they had heard the circumstances under which the statement was made and the state of May's mind at that time.

Asked to explain why the last sentence in the statement was written in a different colour ink, witness said that most likely his fountain pen had run dry and he had dipped it into an inkwell. The statement was taken in May's office and there was an ink well there, he added.

Mr Clifford: I suggest to you that the last sentence was written from memory after you had forgotten to put it down or for some other reason?

Witness: That's quite wrong, Mr Clifford.

I suggest to you that when you wrote "week-ends" it was in fact "Sundays"?—No, that's what May said.

Do you remember May saying he had no tiffin?—Yes, I believe he did say that.

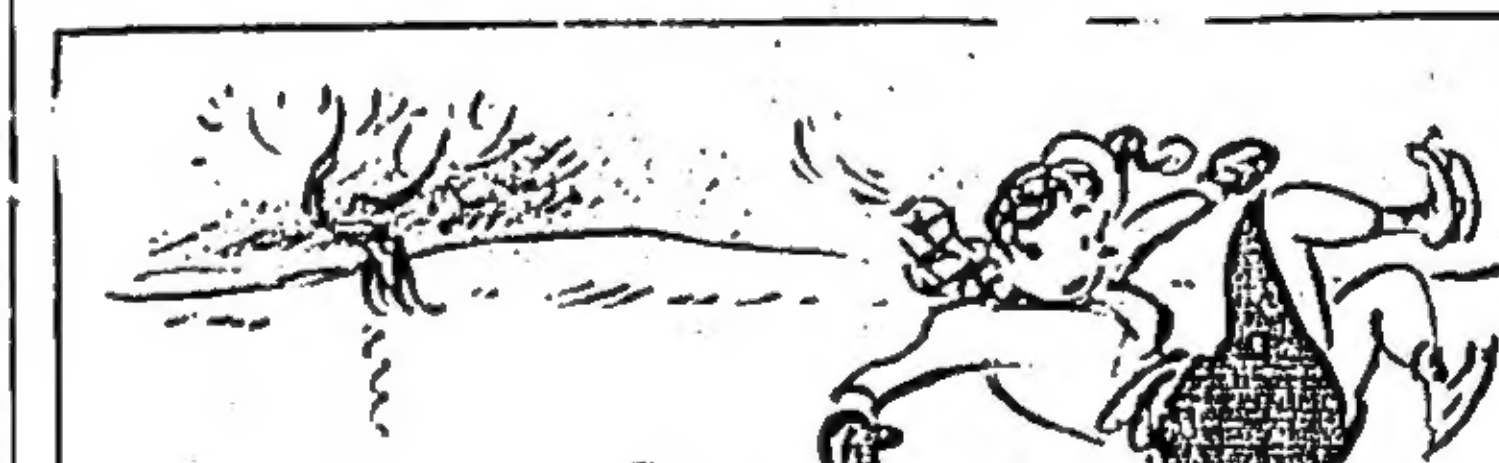
Was that in regard to him not feeling in a mood for questioning?—That was after this (indicating statement) by May. The statement made by May was then read to the jury. The trial is proceeding.

Quads To Mother Of 5 Children

Frankfurt, Mar. 7.—Frau Olga Polzer, 33-year-old refugee from Eastern Germany, gave birth today to quadruplets in a hospital in Gessen today, according to the German news agency, DPA.

The mother and babies—three daughters and a son—are doing well, the agency added. The agency said the quads weighed three pounds each at birth. Frau Polzer already has five children, aged from one to 11.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Mom said she hadn't had skates on for years, and just look at the perfect figures she's been cutting on the lo!"

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Protection For UN Agents Sought

The Hague, Mar. 7.—The United Nations today appealed to the International Court of Justice to help protect its agents working in the troubled areas of the world.

The plea was a result of the assassination of Count Folke Bernadotte, the UN Mediator in Palestine.

Ivan Kerno, Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations in charge of Legal Affairs, told the court that its decision "may involve the most important consequences for the development of the International Organisation."

Mr Kerno spoke at the opening of a hearing on the UN request for an advisory opinion which would decide whether the United Nations has a right to bring an international claim against a government when a United Nations agent is injured or killed in the performance of his duty.

He said "The issue is a serious one. It affects the ability of the United Nations Organisation to protect its agents and thus increase its effectiveness for carrying out the tasks entrusted to it by the Charter."

He pointed attention to the fact that one of the fundamental UN Charter principles stated that all members should give UNO every assistance in any action it takes in accordance with the Charter, and that the Organisation must ensure that non-member states act in accordance with the Charter principles as far as may be necessary for the maintenance of international peace and security. Associated Press.

Radio Hongkong

1,000 AFRICANS DEMONSTRATE

Durban, Mar. 7.—Streets were sealed off here today after police dispersed more than 1,000 Africans, said to have gathered in threatening attitudes outside a shop in the main Indian market.

Eyewitnesses said the Africans gathered round an African woman, who alleged she had been poisoned by sweets bought from an Indian shop.

About 120 people died when race riots between Africans and Indians flared up in Durban last January.—Reuter.

Report and Close Down.

COLONY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

THE GALLERY GOES AWAY
DISAPPOINTED

By "RECORDER"

The growing popularity of local tennis, if one judges only from the comparatively larger crowds this year than in previous years at the Colony Open Grass-court Championships, took another bad beating yesterday evening.

The gallery, hungry as always for upsets, saw none. As Au Kam-moon had failed to beat Segalen, so B. T. M. Jones failed to beat Taul Yun-pui, Belme failed to beat Hawthorn, Nolan failed to beat Choy Tin-wah and Ribeiro failed to beat Lee Wai-tong.

To put some spice into local tennis, one needs a new Ip Koon-hung every other season. There don't appear to be any this year, though there is said to be a potential one in Lee Boon-sing, the Java player, who has yet to be seen in action.

Yesterday's matches saw flashes of brilliance from the losers but little fight. To make matters less spectacular, Taul Yun-pui suddenly touched better form than he has in months and years to turn back Jones 6-1, 6-1 in 20 minutes.

The younger Taul insisted on attacking when by all recognised precepts he should have been treating Jones's good-length driving with some measure of respect.

These tactics, which would have worked with few, worked with Taul. He played a masterful game and his canny timed drop shots were winners all the way.

Said Jones after the match: "He was playing like I have never seen him play before." The former Macao player, F. M. Ribeiro, put up a nice show against the first-long but was evidently badly handicapped through lack of tournament experience.

The RAF player, J. S. Belme, a match for J. B. Hawthorn in normal circumstances, was again badly handicapped by a bruise

on his thumb socket sustained in a hockey match some time ago and his overhead smashing went to pieces. Hawthorn, demonstrated in the course of the match some of the steepest backhand play I have seen in a long time and his tendency to vary his tactics and ability to adjust himself to an opponent makes him a slightly better-than-even favourite to get into the last eight at the expense of Ho Ka-lau.

Another game exhibition was put up by D. Nolan against Choy Tin-wah. The match, over in two sets, was the longest of the evening.

Hardly a spectacular player, Nolan still attracted some of the largest galleries once the Taul Jones match was over by his steady retrieving and sudden offensive spurts to kill off a long rally. He took the second set to 10 games and, with more experience of standard CMC tactics, we may yet see him troubling bigger game than the younger Choy.

THE RESULTS

The results were:
Taul Yun-pui beat B. T. M. Jones, 6-1, 6-1.
Lee Wai-tong beat F. M. Ribeiro, 6-3, 6-3.
Ho Ka-lau beat T. J. Ouwe-hand, w.o.
J. B. Hawthorn beat J. S. Belme, 6-3, 6-4.
Roch Leung beat Molan Chan, 6-0, 6-1.
Choy Tin-wah beat D. Nolan, 6-2, 6-7.

TODAY'S GAMES

Court 1: R. Segalen v P. Poon.
Court 2: T. E. Balcer v Wong Siu-ki.
Court 3: K. H. Ip v Lee Yue-wing.
Court 4: H. A. Ayres v G. Choa.
Court 5: Lee Boon-sing v F. V. Harrison.
Court 6: P. V. Sellers v Taul Wai-pui.
Umpires: C. W. L. Way, A. McBride, J. Mackie, B. T. M. Jones, B. Denon and R. O. Baker.

QUEEN OF THE ICE



Alena Vrzanova, of Czechoslovakia, shows, in the Palais de Sports, Paris, one of the evolutions that won her the world figure-skating championship.

HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE SCRAMBLE

Louis Tries To Win
New York Over

Paterson, New Jersey, Mar. 7.—Joe Louis, the retired world heavyweight champion, will consider New York as a site for his world title fight between Ezzard Charles and Joe Walcott in June, if New York will recognise the winner as world champion.

The National Boxing Association's champions are recognised in every State except New York and the NBA have agreed to recognise Louis's promotion as for the world's title "to avoid an endless and pointless scramble" among would-be successors to Louis.

The NBA agreement with Louis stipulated that the new champion shall meet the logical contender within three months.—Reuter.

JACK SOLOMONS
STILL TRYING

London, Mar. 7.—The British boxing promoter, Mr. Jack Solomons, said today he is awaiting "official confirmation" from the

American Twentieth Century Club offering him joint promotion in a world championship bout.

Mr. Solomons said he will issue a statement accepting or rejecting the American offer after he has been informed of the details.—United Press.

JACK SHARKEY
CHIPS IN

Boston, Mar. 7.—The former heavyweight boxing champion, Jack Sharkey, said today that he believed an elimination tournament should be staged to determine the successor to Joe Louis.

He said such a tournament would give the fight game a much needed "shot in the arm" and provide a "fair" chance for all heavyweight contenders who seek to succeed Louis.

Sharkey declined to comment directly on Louis's own plans to promote a title bout between Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott.

He said, however, he felt that there are other worthy contenders, such as veteran Lee Savold.—United Press.

MORE CERDAN
PUBLICITY

Paris, Mar. 7.—Marcel Cerdan's manager today denied press reports that the world middleweight champion intends to retire after another year of fighting.

"I know that Cerdan does not intend to retire in January, 1950 and that he will keep on fighting as long as he gets pleasure from it," manager Jo Longman said.

He said that Cerdan has said this himself several times and there is no reason to believe that he will be tired of fighting in a year.—United Press.

A BITE

Washington, Mar. 7.—Matchmaker Gabe Menendez has offered World Middleweight champion Marcel Cerdan of France \$10,000 to open Washington's outdoor boxing season on May 2.

Cerdan would be pitted against Joe Blackwood, a 21-year-old negro who has had 65 bouts. They would meet, Menendez says, in a ten-round overweigh bout in Griffith Stadium.

The offer was made to Lew Burston in New York, American representative of Cerdan. Blackwood, a 157-pounder, has won his last three fights here by two knockouts. He is a habitué of Lee Savold. Menendez said Cerdan could accept 30 percent of the gate if he did not want the flat guarantee.—Associated Press.

WELTER BOUT

London, Mar. 7.—Livio Minelli of Italy, the new European Welterweight boxing champion, is scheduled to fight Billy Exley of England in a ten-round bout here on March 20.

It will be the chief supporting contest in the non-title fight already announced between Marcel Cerdan of France, World Middleweight champion, and British champion Dick Turpin.—Associated Press.

FIFTH TEST MATCH

South Africa
Out For 379

Port Elizabeth, Mar. 7.—England brought the South African first innings to a close for 379 runs today in the fifth and final Test here, and at the close of play had replied with 80 for one wicket.

England claimed seven wickets for 160 runs today, and South Africa's first innings ended after nine hours and five minutes. The average scoring rate was just over 40 runs an hour, slow for a team which had to win the match to draw the Test series, since England had won one Test and the other three had ended in draws.

Len Hutton and Cyril Washbrook gave England a good start by putting on 70 for the first wicket before Washbrook fell for 38 to a catch off Athol Rowan, who had been bowling very well.

The England pair sent up the first 50 in as many minutes—the fastest rate of scoring in the match so far.

Towards the close the pitch was affording a good deal of turn. Bruce Mitchell, the South African opening batsman, was dismissed today when one short of his century, after spending six hours 37 minutes at the wicket in a slow, painstaking innings.

WADE'S FIRST

A first Test century was registered by W. Wade, who scored 125 in four hours 40 minutes, and hit 11 fours.

Wade's willingness to employ his strokes was in striking contrast to Mitchell.

Almost throughout South Africa's innings the wicket was in excellent condition, and the England attack, though steady, was not very dangerous. Naturally, England bowled "light" and employed a defensive field, which was completely successful.

Bedser, Gladwin and Young were the most accurate bowlers. Bedser was most hostile, and was unlucky not to take more wickets, but the others played their part well. Jenkins nipped in for three wickets quickly at a vital period, midway through the innings.

Hutton and Washbrook had to contend with sharply turning off-breaks by Athol Rowan when England batted. Rowan exploited a wearing patch at one end with fine skill, but even so the rate of scoring was faster than at any period of the South African innings.

Washbrook fell to a catch off Rowan. Hutton was still masterful as the pitch became more difficult, but Jack Crapp experienced troubled moments against Rowan. The amount of turn Rowan was getting on the ball was not a happy sign for England.

At the close England were 80 for one wicket.

THE SCOREBOARD

The scorecard at the close of play on the second day was:

South Africa			
First Innings			
E. Rowan, c. Watkins, b. Gladwin	3		
Mitchell, c. Griffith, b. Bedser	99		
Viljoen, b. Bedser	2		
Nourse, b. Bedser	73		
Wade, c. Compton, b. Jenkins	125		
Cheatham, c. b. Bedser	2		
Dawson, c. Gladwin, b. Jenkins	20		
A. Rowan, not out	29		
Fuckett, b. Jenkins	2		
Amin, c. Compton, b. Gladwin	11		
McCarthy, b. Gladwin	3		
Extras	10		
379			

England

England			
First Innings			
Hutton, not out	37		
Washbrook, c. Dawson, b. A. Rowan	36		
Crapp, not out	2		
Extras	5		
80 for one			

—Reuter.

BOAT RACE CREWS

Oxford More Forward

London, Mar. 7.—Both Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race crews made their first appearance on the Tideway at Putney today and what brief comparison there was showed Oxford to be more forward than their rivals.

Nevertheless, both crews faced the roughish water and almost Arctic conditions with credit.

Neither attempted any serious rowing, seeming content to get the feel of the water, although Cambridge after an early outing of short duration, paddled over the full course later in the afternoon. It was noticeable that they had their boat moored early.

Oxford appeared less ragged and more sure in their timing. They too began with a short outing and had a long spell later in the day.

The "Light Blues" are using their 1947 craft for practice and will use last year's boat in the race itself.—Reuter.

COMPTON SETS
A RECORD

Port Elizabeth, Mar. 7.—The South African Cricket Board of Control today decided that the match between the MCC and a Natal XI at Pietermaritzburg last month was a first-class fixture.

Denis Compton, who scored 15 and 141 in that match, therefore, has established a record for runs in a South African season, his total to date being 1,555.

The remaining match of the tour, after the present Test, which is against a Combined Universities side, starting at Capetown on March 12, has also been given first class status.—Reuter.

Story Of The
Calcutta Cup

London, Mar. 7.—English and Scottish rugby "fans" will be discussing the Calcutta Cup, for which the international teams of England and Scotland will strive at Twickenham on March 19.

Few of them, however, know of its interesting origin. The trophy is of Indian craftsmanship, supported by three cobras and surmounted by an elephant.

On the plinth of the Cup are inscribed the names of the captains of the winning teams. It was presented for annual competition between England and Scotland by the Calcutta Rugby Club when, finding polo and lawn tennis too powerful rivals, they decided in 1878.

The founder of the club, C. A. R. Rothery, collected all the surplus funds in silver rupees, which were melted down and made into the present Cup.

Scotland are the present holders of the trophy, for they beat England by six points to three at Murrayfield, Edinburgh, last year. Once, in 1897, the Scots felt so confident of repeating their victory of the previous year that they did not trouble to bring the Cup south with them.

To prove that there's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip, England beat them at Fallowfield, Manchester, by 12 points to three.—Reuter.

ENGLAND'S XV

London, Mar. 7.—The England Rugby team to meet Scotland in the Calcutta Cup match at Twickenham on March 19 will be unchanged from that which beat France last month.

The decision of the selectors to leave well enough alone after the unexpected revival of the English fighting spirit came as no surprise.

The form shown by England against Wales and Ireland was too good to be true. When beating France, the side disclosed weaknesses against heavier opposition.

The team is: W. B. Holmes, P. Guesl, L. Connell, C. van Rynveld, R. Kennedy, I. Preece, W. Moore, J. Kendall-Cuipenter, J. Steeds, T. Price, G. Hosking, J. Matthews, V. Roberts, D. Vaughan and B. Travers.—Reuter.

Rugby League

Cup Draw

London, Mar. 7.—The draw for the third round of the Rugby League Challenge Cup resulted as follows:

Barrow v. Wigan or Wakefield Trinity; Leeds v. Huddersfield; Oldham v. Hull; Bradford Northern v. Belle Vue Rangers.

Ties are to be played on March 19.—Reuter.

DRAW FOR

Scottish Cup

Semi-Finals

London, Mar. 7.—The draw for the semi-final ties of the Scottish Cup was made today as follows:

Clackmannanshire v. East Fife; Road, Edinburgh, at Easter Road, Edinburgh.

Rangers v. East Fife, at Hampden Park, Glasgow. The ties are to be played on March 20.—Reuter.

Lincolnshire &
Grand National
Callovers

London, Mar. 7.—Newmarket-trained Fair Judgement was made a clear 19 to 2 favourite for the Lincolnshire Handicap when the card on that race and the Grand National were called over for the fourth time at the Victoria Club here tonight.

At the previous callover Fair Judgement had been joint favourite with Master Lovell at 100 to 8. Master Lovell was offered at 100 to 7 tonight, being relegated to third favourite.

Baron de Nexon's French challenger, Drakkar, quoted at 100 to 1, is now second favourite, at 100 to 2.

Another Newmarket horse, Goldborough, shortened four points from 20 to 1 to 100 to 6, while the Northern-trained Spurred was cut from 25 to 1 to 100 to 1. Mr. David Baker's Romano, who has been well backed of late, hardened from 22 to 1 to 22 to 1.

A feature of the Grand National betting was the support for the 12-year-old Bricket, who was cut eight points from 25 to 1 to 20 to 1.

Lord Milnam's Cromwell remains a firm 100 to 7 favourite for the Grand National, while Cloncarraig shortened two points to 100 to 1, being second favourite with Roi Mon.

The odds against Happy Home, who will be ridden by Bryan Marshall, the champion National Hunt jockey, were reduced from 33 to 1 to 25 to 1. Extended odds were offered against Rowland, Roy, Happy Home's stable companion, his quotation of 28 to 1 being six points above last week's call-over.

THE BETTING

The full quotations were:

Lincolnshire	
19 to 2 Fair Judgement.	
100 to 8 Drakkar.	
100 to 7 Master Lovell.	
100 to 6 Goldborough.	
20 to 1 Spurred.	
22 to 1 Crown Flats and Romano.	
25 to 1 Star Signal.	
33 to 1 all others.	
Grand National	
100 to 7 Cromwell.	
18 to 1 Cloncarraig and Roi Mond.	
20 to 1 Bricket.	
25 to 1 Happy Home, Cavaliero, Royal Mount and Ulster Monarch.	
28 to 1 Rowland, Roy and Silver Fame.	
33 to 1 all others.—Reuter.	

Ohio State
Wins "Big Ten"
Swimming

Columbus, Ohio, Mar. 7.—Ohio State's swimming team today clinched the Western Conference championship, piling up 98 points to unseat defending Michigan.

Wally Rits of Iowa, who won the 100-metre Olympic freestyle last year, led from the start to win the event in 51.4 which was four-tenths of a second slower than the Conference record set by Halo Hirose two years ago.

Rits helped put his team in the runner-up spot with 51 points. Michigan was third with 49.

Purdue, Northwestern, Minnesota and Indiana were next in that order.—United Press.

Swimming Record

Frankfurt, Mar. 7.—Walter Klinge, German swimming champion, has bettered the world 100 metres breast stroke by 2/10th of a second.

Swimming at Schönebech, in the American Zone of Germany, Klinge covered the distance in one minute 7.1 seconds.—Reuter.

Door Opened For
German Sport

Berlin, Mar. 7.—Britain today opened the door for Germans to compete in international sports.

A British Military Government announcement said that Germans "should be permitted to travel abroad on a personal or club basis to take part in sporting events to which they have been invited."

Clubs and individuals accepting invitations abroad must be cleared by the Military Government, the announcement said.—Associated Press.

COLONY BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

JUNIOR MIXED DOUBLES MATCH
THE THRILL OF THE EVENING

By "SIDELINER"

Most thrilling of the four matches in the Colony Open Badminton Championships played at the Victoria Recreation Club last night was the Junior Mixed Doubles encounter in which F. M. Ribeiro partnered Mrs. Olga Lawrence to defeat A. L. Nery and Miss Bernadine Remedios after three gruelling and hotly-contested sets 15-9, 11-15, 18-16.

By fine anticipation and cunningly concealed cross-court drops, Miss Remedios won four straight points on her starting service.

Mrs. Lawrence then came into the picture with some fine interceptions at the net and coupled with the smashing of Ribeiro they led 6-5.

Nery and Miss Remedios drew level with some fine combinative work but Ribeiro began to move about the court and bore the brunt of their attack. He alternated smashes with drops and lobs.

With the score 9-8 in his favour, Ribeiro played flawless badminton through interminable rallies and chiefly through tremendous smashing ran up six points to win the first set 15-9.

The Ribeiro-Lawrence combination started off well in the second set and led 4-0. Then Mrs. Lawrence began to lose her touch at the net but Ribeiro took it on himself to win points.

From 4-3 the score went 8-2 with Ribeiro using all his guile to lure his opponents to the net and then passing them with spectacular lobs and smashes to the sidelines.

Realizing that to win they had to force the opposition to tire, Nery and Miss Remedios began playing for placements.

Trailing 7-10 they started to mix their shots and Miss Remedios made several snap cross-court drops which the tiring Ribeiro failed to reach.

Mrs. Lawrence appeared jittery at this point and made several costly mistakes at the net which allowed Nery and Miss Remedios to win the second set 15-11.

TENSION MOUNTS

The third and final set began with Miss Remedios serving. Without losing the service she ran up five points. Then she netted a drop shot.

Ribeiro appeared to regain his "second wind" and his smashes were hard and true.

Nery made several brilliant backhand recoveries but was inclined to be erratic at this crucial stage.

Miss Remedios caught the eye with her coolness in returning Ribeiro's smashes. Mrs. Lawrence recovered from her temporary nerves and again by

interceptions at the net and placement shots they led 13-8.

Nery then called upon his reserves and levelled the score by unreturnable smashes.

The service changed hands three times without score and the players themselves began to feel the tension.

Finally Ribeiro broke through to win the first three points by alternating his lobs with swift drops which caught his opponents on the wrong foot.

Nery and Miss Remedios fought back and aided by Mrs. Lawrence misjudging the flight of the shuttle drew level at 3-3.

Mrs. Lawrence on her partner's service made ample amends for her misjudgment by hitting the shuttle so hard that it struck the cord and bounced in.

Needing one point to win, Ribeiro smashed a lob return of his service towards the sidelines which Nery reached, but failed to return over the net.

HIGHEST STANDARD
Though the Mixed Doubles was the most exciting, the Ladies' Doubles between Misses Dawn Ramsay and Joan Greenhalgh against Misses Theresa Baptista and Margie Xavier provided the highest standard of badminton last evening.

Though Miss Ramsay and Miss Greenhalgh lost 15-18, 6-15 they were not disgraced. They gave a great exhibition of team-work and Miss Greenhalgh's command of strokes was a revelation.

Miss Ramsay was a hard worker at the net but last night they lost to more experienced pair, Miss Greenhalgh's hard smashes and drives were outstanding throughout the whole match. Time and again her stylishly executed smashes scored points.

Miss Baptista and Xavier were not overshadowed and their smashes were executed with great accuracy and power. The Baptista-Xavier pair led 13-7 in the first set but powerful smashing by Miss Greenhalgh and kills at the net by Miss Ramsay deuced the set.

However the Portuguese pair had their opponents' number and Miss Baptista won the setting point with a terrific smash to the forecourt.

In the second set the Baptista-Xavier combination

ran the score up to 12-2 in their favour by alternating drops with smashes which found the corners of the court.

Fighting determinedly, Miss Ramsay and Miss Greenhalgh brought the score to 12-8.

At this stage Miss Xavier brought her skill into play again and won the remaining three points for set and match with two cross-court drop shots and a smash which hit the net and went over.

THE RESULTS

Results were:
Junior Men's Singles
H. J. Xavier beat H. Risdale 18-15, 15-5.

Junior Men's Doubles
R. M. Soares & J. A. Soares beat M. Kempton & A. E. Elliott 15-9, 15-12.

Junior Mixed Doubles
F. M. Ribeiro & Mrs. Olga Lawrence beat A. L. Nery & Miss Bernadine Remedios 15-9, 11-15, 18-16.

Ladies' Doubles
Misses Theresa Baptista & Margie Xavier beat Misses Dawn Ramsay and Joan Greenhalgh 18-15, 15-8.

University Win
Senior League

University won the Senior Men's Doubles Badminton League Championship when they won their return engagement against Chinese YMCA by seven matches to two at the University Gymnasium last night.

K. S. Low and T. T. Chin paced the three University pairs with three straight victories against the opposition.

The scores were:
K. S. Low and T. T. Chin (University) beat P. K. Hoi and W. F. Foo 21-10, beat R. Tay and P. H. Wong 21-11, beat R. Young and Bill Funk 21-11.

Yugoslavia Makes 7 New War Claims

Austrian Treaty Complication

London, Mar. 7.—Yugoslavia filed seven new war claims on Austria today with the Big Four Deputies already bogged down in their efforts to write an Austrian Independence treaty.

In a note to the Big Four Deputy Foreign Ministers, Mr Alec Bebler supplemented the Belgrade government's previous treaty claims with these new demands.

Scientists' Offer To Truman

Washington, Mar. 7.—The Ethnic Affairs Institute today urged President Truman to make full use of the world's colonial experience and social sciences in his "bold new programme" to help under-developed areas.

More than a mere capital investment programme is needed, the Institute said in a letter to the President. It said the programme would fail unless the advice of political scientists, sociologists, psychologists and experts in human geography was included.

The Institute is headed by a former U.S. Indian Affairs Director and is interested in promoting self-government in colonial areas.

FATAL NEGLECT

The letter said: "The President's insistence on fair dealing and on native welfare makes sociological considerations paramount and colonial experience to date decisively proves that their neglect has been fatally devastating to native life."

The Institute said bold and immediate use of social science and social art would promise its success in terms of both economic development and human welfare. It claimed this would assure a democratic way of life. Sociological skill should be used to help native organisations adopt new technologies and encourage the initiative of the peoples themselves.

More profound and tragic than the "sheer explosiveness" of colonialism—and more responsible for its failure—has been the shattering of the native way of life by crudely superimposing Western ideas and organisation on alien peoples, the Institute said.

SUGGESTION

It cited figures to show that limited capital would prevent the programme from becoming a mere capital investment proposition.

It was costing Puerto Rico and Egypt US\$5,000 per worker to industrialise and by 1932 South Africa's gold mines already had invested \$4,235 for each worker employed, according to the Institute. On this basis, it would take \$150,000,000,000 to give jobs to an estimated 30,000,000 farm workers currently unemployed in India and Pakistan. In China it would cost even more.

The Institute suggested sending teams of social scientists to do research and planning in a limited number of "pilot areas" within Asia, Africa, Oceania and the Americas.—United Press.

GESTAPO MEN ON TRIAL

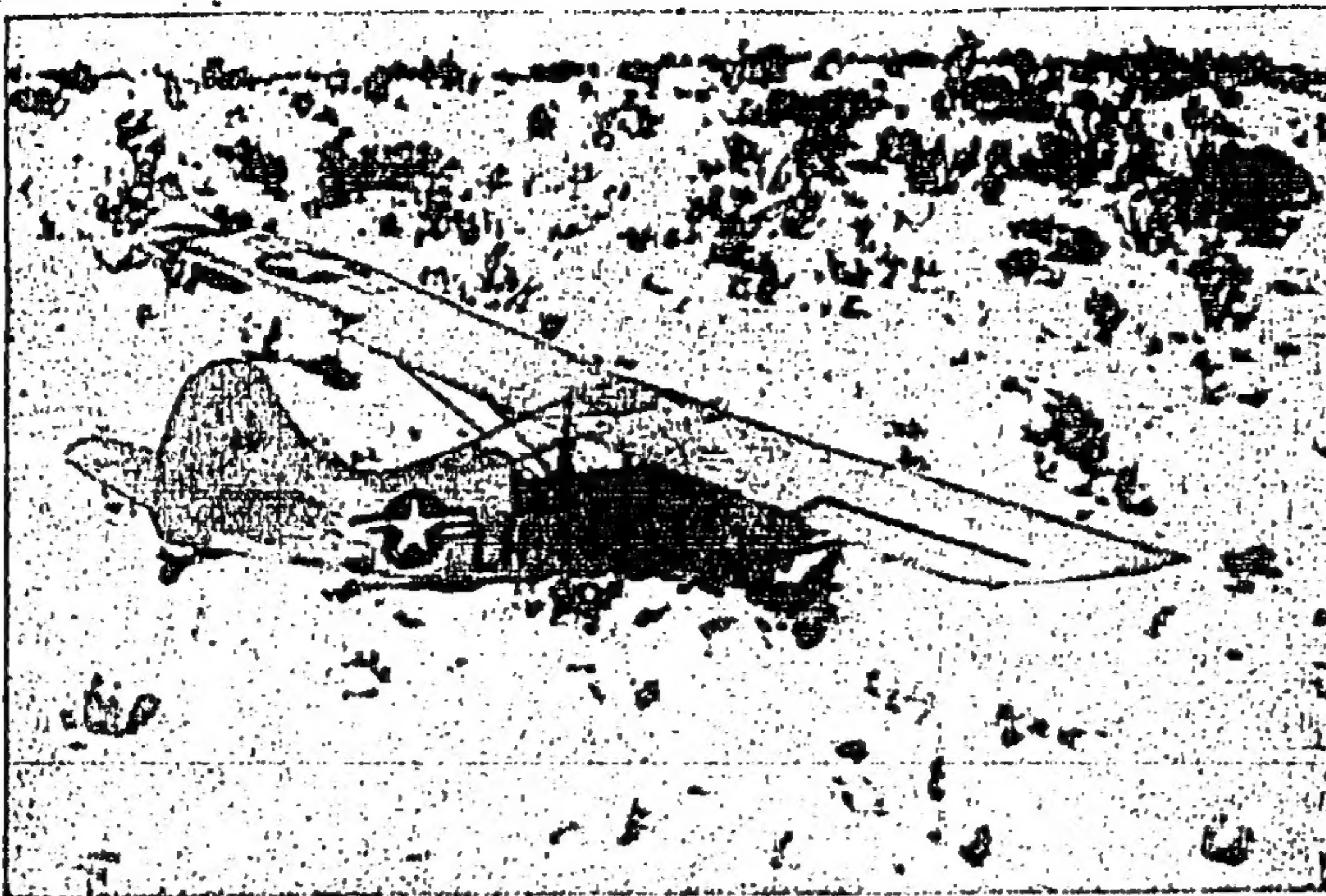
Nuremberg, Mar. 7.—Seven German former police officials went on trial today before a German Criminal Court at Nuremberg on charges of complicity in the extermination of 5,000 German Jews.

The list of defendants is headed by Dr Benno Martin, accused of being former police president and Chief of the Gestapo in Nuremberg. The prosecution based its charges on documents which were used by the International Military Tribunal in Nuremberg and the American War Crimes Court in several trials against Nazi officials.

The prosecution will hear about 50 witnesses including many Jews who survived deportation by the Nazis and internment in the extermination camps.

The indictment described Martin as a "favorite of the Nazi Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler."—Associated Press.

Pilotless Plane Lands On A Hillside



This L-16 pilotless plane finished an amazing unguided flight over the Cascade mountains in a snowstorm by landing itself on this hill, near Ellensburg, Wash. Only one wing, nose and landing gear was damaged. A soldier accidentally jogged the throttle when the ship was grounded, then jumped out as it took off.—AP Picture.

Stones Hurlled At Police Station

DEMONSTRATION IN BEIRUT

Beirut, Mar. 7.—Demonstrators stoned the police station and the law court at the Lebanese port of Tripoli today as a protest against the arrest of the leading Lebanese Communist, Mustapha el Ariss.

A few days ago he delivered a funeral oration over a young Communist, bitterly attacking Britain and the United States. He has been arrested for inciting disorders.

Mustapha el Ariss caused a stir when as a delegate representing the World Federation of Trade Unions, he was arrested at a meeting of the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). He had just been released from prison after his two months' sentence for encouraging a Communist demonstration at the UNESCO session.—Associated Press.

POLIO VICTIMS RESCUED

Winnipeg, March 7.—From the frozen Chesterfield inlet in the far North a rescue plane brought 13 Eskimos—the latest victims in the epidemic which has forced the government to quarantine 40,000 square miles of the Eskimo country.

Apparently more susceptible than white persons to the disease, the Eskimos were suffering from a painful form of polio which attacks both legs and arms.

Thirteen of the 275 persons in their village of Chesterfield Inlet have died and one-fourth of the population has had the disease in one form or another.—United Press.

Truck Skids: Ten People Killed

Trivandrum, Travancore, Mar. 7.—Ten people were killed and 60 seriously injured today when a truck carrying people returning from a festival in North Travancore skidded and plunged into a dry river bed near here.—Reuters.

Pope Addresses Consistory



Pope Pius XII and his assistants enter Consistory Hall in Vatican City, where the pontiff addressed a secret and extraordinary consistory of the College of Cardinals on the case of Josef Cardinal Mindszenty. The Pope declared that when a civil government contradicts divine and human rights "bishops and the faithful themselves are bound by their conscience to resist unjust laws."—AP Picture.

Britain Gives Siam Aid Assurances

London, Mar. 7.—Siam has been reassured of material aid from Britain to meet the rising Communist threat, official quarters said today. Siamese officials said it is proving increasingly difficult for Siam to "isolate itself from political doctrines in the neighbourhood countries."

They said there is a strong branch of the Chinese Communist Party in Siam "with close affiliations with the movement in China" whose influence is becoming daily more apparent with the Communist successes in China.

Siamese officials stressed that there is little Communism among the Siamese themselves and added, "But very few Siamese outside of the government seem to realise the full implications of events in China."

They agreed that it is quite possible that the Chinese Communist in Siam might effect joint action with the Communists in Indo-China.

REDS SUPPLY ARMS

It was recalled that former Premier Pridi Panomyang was known to have left-wing sympathies. Pridi is no longer in Siam and it is believed possible that he has already made contact with Chinese Communist leaders.

From Bangkok, it was reported that the Chinese Communists have long been supplying Pridi's "Free Thai Movement" with arms and ammunition and that the Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, was planning a Communist march into Siam.

Siamese officials said the British Foreign Office had recently given "further assurances" of British material assistance in the event of trouble in Siam.

The Siamese Premier, Marshal Pibul Songgram, was reported to be forming his regular and reserve forces with adequate arms and rapidly forming an air force with pilots trained in Britain manning British Vampire fighters.

According to British officials, Siam's Communist threat was considered "possibly the most

grave of all in Southeast Asia because the main activity is underground."

British reports from Bangkok said that leaders and the main activating forces behind the Communist campaign in Siam are all "on high level and unlikely to jeopardise their advantageous position by coming into the open."

British officials said that Marshal Songgram has full control of the Siamese Army totalling about 20,000, plus special reserves totalling about 5,000. The officials said there is no doubt about the Army's loyalty but it was known that former Premier Pridi Panomyang had a "strong backing in the Navy which is still a ponderable factor."—United Press.

RIVER SPLIT BY ICE JAM

Chicago, Mar. 7.—An ice jam split the Platte River in Nebraska into two streams today and along the Missouri Valley lowland residents fought to save their homes as the Missouri pushed out of its banks at many points.

The Missouri and its tributaries were at record levels at some points. In four States 175,000 acres were flooded. Two persons were dead in the Mid-Western floods and two others missing.—United Press.

Railways Guarded By Police & Troops

Bombay, Mar. 7.—Troops and police were tonight guarding key points on the Indian railroads following a threat by the Communist-dominated sectional railway unions to strike on Wednesday.

No chances were being taken in view of the Communist Party's call to all railwaymen to strike. The All-India Railwaymen's Federation, the biggest national railway grouping in India, opposed a stoppage. Only two important unions were on record as having served regular strike notices—the South Indian Railway and the Bombay, Baroda and Central Railway.

POSITION CONFUSING

The position of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway, also centred in Bombay, was confusing, as the union's general meeting had not yet ratified an earlier decision of the Standing Committee not to press the strike threat.

Guards were particularly active in Madras, Bombay and West Bengal Provinces. In West Bengal, police were keeping the closest watch for possible attempts at sabotage, and schools and colleges will be closed tomorrow and Wednesday.

In Calcutta, police searched a dozen places and 10 youths were taken to police headquarters for questioning. Four were later released.

Dr B. C. Roy, Premier of West Bengal, told the Assembly today: "My information is that the Communist Unions of Railwaymen, who have declared their intention to strike, would not only create trouble on the railways but would also attempt to interfere with the transport system as a whole, and other essential services, like posts, telegraphs and telephones."

ASKS CO-OPERATION

He called for public co-operation with the police authorities to suppress any lawlessness.

High-ranking Government and police officials met in Bombay today to tighten up precautionary measures.

In Madras, the Provincial Government warned the public that the strongest measures, including the imposition of collective fines, would be taken if any breach of the peace arose out of the threatened strike.

Many non-Communist labour leaders today hoped that even the Communist dominated unions might not after all strike, as the All-India Railwaymen's Federation was opposing any stoppage.—Reuters.

SLAVE LABOUR TO BE INVESTIGATED

RUSSIA OPPOSES PROPOSAL

Lake Success, Mar. 7.—The United Nations has instructed the International Labour Organisation to take steps to begin an investigation into slave labour throughout the world.

The Economic and Social Council, by a 14-3 vote, with Russia, Poland and Byelorussia opposing, invited the ILO to "give further consideration to the problem of forced labour and its nature and extent, in light of all possible information."

The investigation will be based largely on documented charges made before the Council by the American Federation of Labour, alleging that forced labour is widespread in Russia and its satellite countries.

Action was taken on the American resolution, carrying wide commission of trade union representatives to inquire into slave labour. The Russian resolution envisaged a commission of 110 to 125 members chosen from the world's trade unions on the basis of one representative for each million union members.

This was criticised unofficially because such a method of choosing representatives would give the Russian bloc overwhelming membership in the commission.

The United States criticised Russia's resolution in that it did not envisage investigation of labour conditions within the Soviet Union by any United Nations Commission.—United Press.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"It's all very well for the Vicar to talk about science being the handmaiden of religion, but the fact remains he all know it works out a lot cheaper than a curate."

PRESIDENT SLEEPS IN

Key West, Florida, March 7.—History was made here today at the temporary White House.

President Truman slept until 9.30 a.m.

The Chief Executive normally rises at 5.30 or 6 o'clock in the morning. On some occasions he has been known to sleep as late as eight. But today all records were broken. A battery only 200 yards from the waterfront quarters fired a 21-gun salute at 8 o'clock.

Mr Truman was sleeping so soundly that he was not awakened until the 17th salute was fired. He heard the last four and then rolled over and went back to sleep.—United Press.

Soviets Returning U.S. Warship

Washington, Mar. 7.—The United States cruiser Milwaukee, flying the Hammer and Sickle ensign, is due home tomorrow after nearly five years' duty with the Russian Navy.

Manned by a Soviet crew, the vessel had been expected to reach Lewes, Delaware, today but the United States Navy announced she would arrive tomorrow.—Reuters.

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